



Office of the City Manager

**RECESS ITEM**  
**CONSENT CALENDAR**  
 September 15, 2020

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
 From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager  
 Submitted by: Liam Garland, Director, Department of Public Works  
 Subject: Authorization to Apply for CalRecycle Waste Reduction, Reuse, Recycling, and Composting Grants and Payment Programs

**RECOMMENDATION**

Adopt a Resolution ratifying the action of the City Manager to apply for Reuse Grant Program FY 2019-20, and authorizing the City Manager to submit grant applications, accept grant funds, and execute any resulting grant agreements, amendments and expenditure reports with the State of California Department of Resource Recycling and Recovery for any grant and payment programs related to waste reduction, reuse, recycling, and composting for which the City of Berkeley is eligible to apply.

**NEGATIVE EFFECT IF ACTION IS DELAYED UNTIL AFTER COUNCIL RECESS**

Delayed action would prevent the Public Works Zero Waste Division from applying to grants with State of California Department of Resource Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle). Public Works intends to apply for Reuse Grant Program FY 2019-20<sup>1</sup> which is due September 10, 2020. The Reuse Grant Program is funded by California Climate Investments, a statewide program that puts billions of cap-and-trade dollars to work reducing greenhouse gas emissions, strengthening the economy and improving public health and the environment -- particularly in disadvantaged and low-income communities.

**FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION**

The City of Berkeley is eligible to apply for various CalRecycle grants in amounts ranging from \$10,000 to \$500,000 annually. No City matching funds are required. The grant funds are utilized to implement/expand City programs to support Zero Waste goals through source-reduction; salvaging/reuse; and to increase recycling and composting of green/food waste materials.

**CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS**

CalRecycle has released a new grant this year, the Reuse Grant Program that is intended to promote reuse and reduce single-use disposable foodware. If applied for

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.grants.ca.gov/grants/reuse-grant-program-fy-2019-20/>

and awarded, these grants will assist the City of Berkeley with implementing City ordinances, such as the Single Use Foodware and Litter Reduction Ordinance, and state legislative requirements, such as SB1383 the Short-Lived Climate Pollutants Reduction Act.

CalRecycle releases numerous grants and payment programs on an annual basis which can fund City of Berkeley waste reduction and recycling programs. CalRecycle has indicated that they will release additional grants related to reducing single-use disposable foodware and reducing organics sent to the landfill over the next few years. CalRecycle requires a City Council Resolution for each grant submittal to allow the City to apply for these CalRecycle grants and payment programs. The attached City Council approved Resolution will comply with CalRecycle's grant application requirements and streamline the grant submittal process. A five (5) year Resolution allowing City submittal for grants versus requesting a Resolution for each grant submittal separately will allow the City to apply for any available grants for which the City is eligible to apply within a five-year time frame. A five year term is the maximum timeframe allowed by CalRecycle's grant process.

This authorization supports the City's Strategic Plan Goal of being a global leader in addressing climate change, advancing environmental justice, and protecting the environment.

#### BACKGROUND

Public Works Department and Zero Waste Division staff apply for and manage many CalRecycle grants and payment programs annually, such as the City/County Beverage Container Recycling Payment Program and the Used Oil Payment Program, all of which provide funding for City programs and services that align with City goals and benefit Berkeley community members.

The City has an existing Resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for the City/County Beverage Container Recycling Payment Program (Resolution No. 68,698 - N.S.) and the Used Oil Payment Program (Resolution No. 65,028 - N.S.). However, these resolutions are specific to these payment programs and do not allow the City to apply for any other CalRecycle grants, which often have short application timelines. The City does have an existing Resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for all CalRecycle grants (Resolution No. 56,776 - N.S.). However, this Resolution was approved November 24, 1992. Current CalRecycle grant applications require Council Resolutions to be approved within the last five years.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

CalRecycle grant funding is utilized to implement waste-reduction, reuse, recycling and composting for green/food materials programs that will support the City's Zero Waste goal and Climate Action Plan Goals.

**RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION**

If approved, the attached resolution will allow staff to apply for CalRecycle grants and payment programs as they become available to help fund programs to reduce waste and benefit community members.

**ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED**

None. Without an updated resolution, staff cannot apply for CalRecycle grant funding, such as the upcoming Reuse Grant Program, or other available waste reduction, recycling, and composting grants.

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Attachment:

1: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF APPLICATIONS FOR ALL CALRECYCLE GRANTS  
FOR WHICH THE CITY OF BERKELEY IS ELIGIBLE

WHEREAS, Public Resources Code sections 48000 et seq. authorize the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) to administer various grant programs (grants) in furtherance of the State of California's (state) efforts to reduce, recycle and reuse solid waste generated in the state thereby preserving landfill capacity and protecting public health and safety and the environment; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of this authority CalRecycle is required to establish procedures governing the application, awarding, and management of the grants; and

WHEREAS, CalRecycle grant application procedures require, among other things, an applicant's governing body to declare by resolution certain authorizations related to the administration of CalRecycle grants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Berkeley ratifies the action of the City Manager to apply for Reuse Grant Program FY 2019-20, and further authorizes the submittal of application(s) to CalRecycle for all grants for which the City of Berkeley is eligible; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager, or his/her designee, is hereby authorized and empowered to execute in the name of the City of Berkeley all grant documents, including but not limited to, applications, agreements, amendments and requests for payment, necessary to secure grant funds and implement the approved grant project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these authorizations are effective for five (5) years from the date of adoption of this resolution.